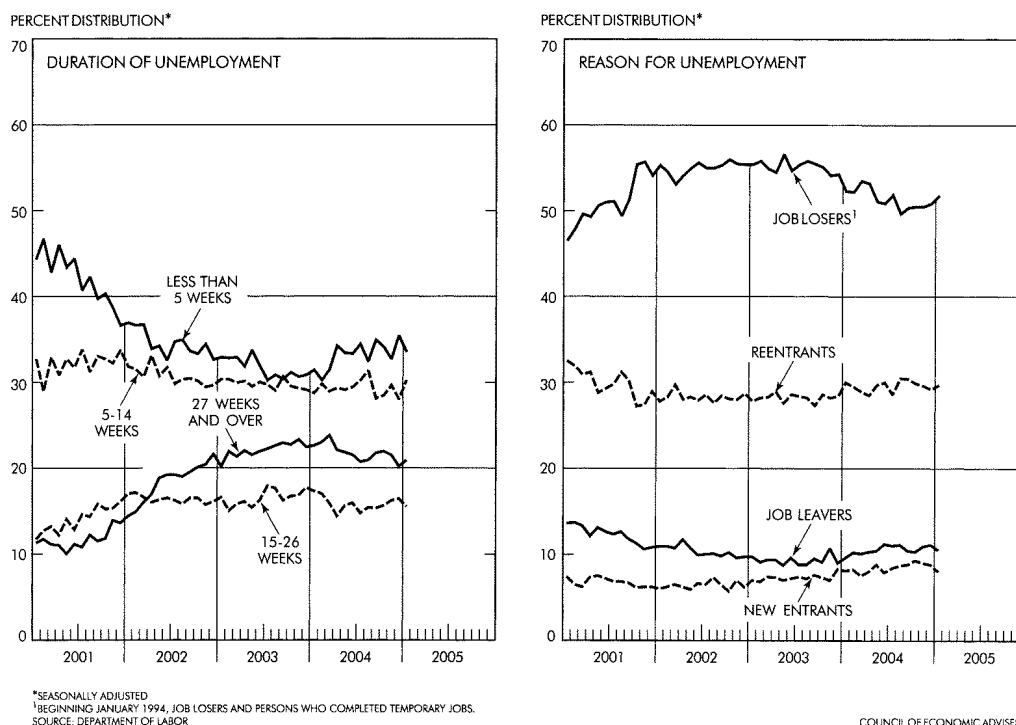


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In January, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 15–26 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment was unchanged at 19.3 weeks and the median duration fell to 9.4 weeks. (Series revised.)



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New entrants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Aver- age (mean)	Median							
1995	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2004: Jan ^r	8,303	31.4	28.7	17.3	22.6	19.8	10.6	52.3	9.6	30.0	8.1	3,172	356	3,703
Feb ^r	8,195	30.2	29.8	17.0	23.0	20.2	10.2	52.2	10.2	29.5	8.2	3,139	356	3,976
Mar ^r	8,330	31.4	28.9	15.9	23.8	19.9	10.2	53.5	10.1	28.9	7.5	3,028	339	3,571
Apr ^r	8,143	34.2	29.3	14.4	22.1	19.7	9.4	53.2	10.3	28.5	8.0	2,970	342	2,971
May ^r	8,172	33.4	29.1	15.6	21.8	19.8	9.9	51.1	10.4	29.7	8.8	2,928	342	2,844
June ^r	8,228	33.3	29.4	15.9	21.5	19.8	10.8	50.9	11.2	30.0	7.9	2,921	341	2,869
July ^r	8,184	34.4	30.2	14.7	20.7	18.5	8.9	51.9	11.0	28.6	8.4	2,888	340	2,724
Aug ^r	8,018	32.4	31.3	15.4	20.9	19.2	9.5	49.7	11.1	30.5	8.7	2,884	340	2,914
Sept ^r	8,005	34.9	28.1	15.3	21.7	19.6	9.5	50.4	10.4	30.4	8.8	2,856	345	2,401
Oct ^r	8,066	34.1	28.4	15.6	21.9	19.7	9.5	50.5	10.3	29.9	9.3	2,803	342	2,426
Nov ^r	8,020	32.7	29.6	16.2	21.5	19.8	9.8	50.5	10.9	29.6	9.0	2,755	339	2,621
Dec	8,047	35.4	28.0	16.4	20.2	19.3	9.5	50.9	11.1	29.2	8.8	2,750	335	2,693
2005: Jan	7,737	33.5	30.2	15.5	20.9	19.3	9.4	51.8	10.5	29.7	8.0	P 332

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Seasonally adjusted total unemployment and unemployment by duration and reason reflect annual revisions beginning 2000.

See Note, p. 11.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).